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The British Apollo:

OR,

Curious Amuſements for the INGENIOUS.

To which are Added the moſt

Material Occurrences Foreign and Domeſtick.

Perform'd by ſome of the Society of GENTLEMEN, Concern'd in the First and Second VOLUME, with the Aſſiſtance of other Ingenious PERSONS.

From Friday December 15th. to Monday December 18th. 1710.

GENTLEMEN,

Q. IN the 13th of the Romans, and Verſe 1ſt, we Read that Kings are the ordinance of God. Nay, a very ſubſtantial Author hath expreſſed himſelf thus; They are a ſort of Gods among Men, as the Scripture oft makes mention of: *Now he hath not made mention of any Place of Scripture that call them Gods; how could I ever find out any higher Style then theirs being the ordinance of God, ſeeing then this Author hath not given any Proofs for this his Aſſertion, I humbly addreſs myſelf to you, craving your favor ſo far as in your next to ſatisfy me in this point, whether there be a mention made of it in Scripture or no; Which will very much Oblige,*

Your Admirer, THEOPHILUS.

A. It is true that they are called Gods in Scripture, particularly in *Pſ.* 82. 1. *God ſtandeth in the Congregation of the mighty, he judgeth among the Gods.* For by the Context it is plain, that by *Gods* there is meant the Judges and Magiſtrates of the Earth. To the Jews Purpoſe thoſe Words of *Chriſt* (*John* 10. 34.) relate, *Is it not Written in your Law, I ſaid ye are Gods?* The confeſſ'd Reaſon of which Appellation is their being invested with Authority from God, and representing his Perſon.

Q. Honour'd Gentlemen, *Whether may the Infants of Heathens, whereas yet know nothing of* Chriſt, *dying in their Infancy, attain to Salvation, ſince we verily believe that ſuch Infants, as are Born of Chriſtian Parents (tho' they dye Unbaptized) do attain to Salvation: and yet both being ſhapen in iniquity, and conceiv'd in Sin, they all are under Eternal Damnation, ſave thoſe which through the Grace of God are Redeemed in* Chriſt Jeſus? *Now as God proclaimeth himſelf to be the Lord God, merciful and gracious, long ſuffering and abundant in Goodneſs,* &c. *that gracious God having alſo Created ſo many Millions of Souls, that never have* Chriſt *Preached unto them, muſt we believe or ſuppoſe them to be Sav'd or Damn'd. Your Advice and Anſwer as ſoon as poſſible is deſir'd by*

Your Admirer and Humble Servant, F. K.

A. As to what concerns the Salvation of the Children of Heathens dying unbaptized, we have but lately delivered our Opinion concerning it, as the Queriſt will find upon reviewing our Papers.

Q. Gentlemen, *Without your Advice I know not what to do, for Love is my Grievance and that in as high a Nature as poſſible can be, for the Day will afford me no ſatisfaction, and the Night no reſt, but wander up and down like a Man without Hope, not from the Perſon, beloved for I have a requital there; but from my Friend's Averſion to her becauſe ſhe has no Fortune, tho' her Parents live very Creditable in the Country, and having a great charge of Children to bring up, have deprived her of that which otherwiſe ſhe would have had. This all that have any Knowledg of her, will own that ſhe's a good Houſe-wife, and as Induſtrious as any Woman living, and I am of the ſame Mind (as the ſaying is) a Hundred Pounds in a Wife is better than as much with a Wife.*

Now, APOLLO, *what had I beſt do in this Caſe, run the hazard of diſobliging my Parents, and gratify my ſelf, or acquaint them therewith and if they ſhould diſapprove of it, as I really think they will, I fear my Paſſion is ſo great I ſhall run Counter with their deſires, but am reſolv'd to take your Advice and crave your ſpeedy Anſwer, and you will highly Oblige,*

Your Subſcriber and Admirer, M. S.

A. If you have really that Affection for the Lady, you pretend, you ought to evidence it by methods, which may tend to her good and

welfare. If she has no Fortune, and you forfeit your own, by disobeying your Friends, what Prospect can you give her, but of Ruin and Misery. But young Lovers feed their Fancy with this Notion, that if they obtain the Person desir'd, they must of necessity be sufficiently happy in mutual Affections; tho' they want every thing else in the World. But the Wise will make Judgment of things by comparing causes and effects in parallels. Look then abroad into the World, and observe all those who had equal prospects with your self, in like circumstances, and have afterwards been reduc'd to Poverty; and note how few of such, have retain'd even that felicity of mutual Affections; you will perhaps find most of them declaiming against those very motives which promis'd them happiness, to be the occasions of the Reverse. Nor do such only run headlong into Ruin, but even deprive themselves of Grounds to hope for a recovery from Misery, since they cannot expect a Blessing from the breach of that Commandment, which enjoyns their Duty to their Parents under the Penalty of shortening their Days. But we Question not but you will Object, you cannot possibly be happy in any other Person; and will be certainly in a deplorable Condition, if you are disappointed in your expectations from that Lady. Look once more abroad, and you will find many, who have been smitten as home, by the little blind *Archer*, that have been after disappointed, and yet are at this present time of Writing, in as sound Health, both of Body and Mind, as those the *Urchin* never tamper'd with. However you may use your best Arguments with your Parents, to induce them to give Consent. But we advise you to go prepared for their Denial, that your disappointment may be the less. And after (as we have advis'd others) set industriously to Business, and the Affairs proper to your Station, and we doubt not but in time other Ideas will either crowd those of Love out of your Head, and restore your Quiet; or else they may advance you so in the World, as to render you capable of maintaining the Lady without any Fortune, which generous Action, will give her the highest proof of your Affection for Her. If she be a Person of Reason, she will not condemn these Courses in you, but approve of our Advice, as tending most truly to her Happiness.

Q. APOLLO, *I find,*
(When you're in the Mind)
You nicely Love Queries can Answer,
Pray pardon this Action,
If for Satisfaction,
I a Question to you shall advance, Sir.

My Case is thus, I am mightily enamour'd with a pretty Young Lady, in whose Company I have often been, and with whom I have convers'd; but being of a baskful Temper, and but slow in Loves Rhetoric, I never had the boldness to give her the knowledg of my Passion; in the mean time a Young Gentleman has address'd her, and gain'd much of her Affection, but is much disliked by her Parents. Now my further unhappiness is, I tied am to the Law for a certain time, and till that time is expired, my declaration (if I had the assurance to make it) (tho' of equal Fortune) would be looked upon by her as banter, and rejected by her Friends. I have opportunity of Visiting her as often as I please, but fear before the expiration of the time, and my making any offer, she will Consent against the Will of her Relations to the aforesaid Gentleman.

Now I your sacred shrine Address,
In humble Posture for relief,
In hopes you will in my distress,
Some Pity shew, and ease my Grief.

A. Since *Love* we agree,
Our Province to be,
Co-genial likewise to our Nature;
We'll frankly dispence,
Our kind Influence,
To every Amorous Creature.

Fy, fy——you a Lawyer and talk of *Bashfulness*, if that once gains the Ascendant, you're an undone Man, both as to Law and Love. Or if you think you have Assurance enough for the Law, can you pretend to draw up a Declaration for *John-a-Nokes* against *Tom-a-Stiles*, for a Fraud committed in false packing a Parcel of Hobby-Horses, Rattles and Penny-Fiddles; and yet be wanting in matter, to fill a Declaration of your Passion? Can you have confidence enough, to talk Noise an Nonsense and hour together in the Face of a full Court, and not have sufficient to attack a Trembling Young Virgin? Can you for a trifling Fee, be quick enough in Invention, to lard a long Harangue with numerable false Asseverations, and yet be at a loss for a few Romantic Protestations, which so naturally slide into the Thoughts of every Novice in Love? For shame either boldly proceed in your Amours, or never give over the pursuit of the Law, which will never give you utterance, if Love cannot; for that often inspires the greatest Dunces with Rhetorical Flourishes.

But if her Patience won't permit,
To stay, 'till your wholl Time expires;
Tax her *Unkindness*, not her *Wit*,
For *Non-suiting* all your Desires.

POEMS.

Q. FIRST 'twas *Whisper'd, then aloud,*
Fame *has sounded to the Crowd,*
Wonders meant to please the Age,
Wonders on the * British Stage:
Such as Athens *ne'er cou'd boast,*
Nor the whole Italic Coast;
Such as Gallia *ne'er cou'd raise,*
Tho' a Rival, fond of Praise;
That both Art *and* Nature *will*
Vie, with strong contested Skill,
For advancing our Delight,
Soft'ning Cares of Day, at Night.
Tuneful Numbers, to soft Notes,
Warbled through Seraphic Throats;
While the † Flow'r *of e'ery* Clime
(Such as never, 'till this time,

* The Improvement of the *Theater*, in the *Hay-Market*, so much talk'd of.
† The new Voices brought from Foreign Parts.

Joyned

Joyned their Harmonious Noiſe,
To diſperſe Cœleſtial *Joys)*
Grace the Theater, *as theſe,*
Muſt moſt Elegantly pleaſe;
So the Eye (as we are told)
Equal Wonders will behold.
Beauties of that Excellence,
Such as are of brighteſt Senſe,
Will with great ſurprize be caught,
And Idea's *brighter taught.*
Groves *in Nat'ral Forms appear,*
While their Inmates *charm the Ear;*
Streams from Fountains, *which ariſe,*
'Till they hit the Azure Skies;
Cataract *and* bright *Caſcade,*
Both the Ears and Eyes invade:
Nor the Land *alone; but* Ocean,
Will appear in Genuine motion;
Sometimes peaceful Calms, *then* Storms.
In the moſt Terrific Forms;
While Turnado's *black, on high,*
Seem to muffle up the Sky;
Spouts, *like other Sea's Ruin down,*
Threatning all the Globe to drown;
Thunders horrid Bolts prepare,
Sheets of Lightning ſinge the Air.
'Till from his Alcove *below,*
Where Streams unmoleſted flow,
Neptune *riſes to aſſwage,*
The rough Blaſts of Northern *Rage;*
Strait the Mounting Billows fall,
And obey the awful call,
Sporting Tritons *then advance,*
Joyning Nerieds *in a Dance,*
As they ſmoothly glide along,
Sounding with their Shells their Song.

Nay, Machines, *they ſay, will move,*
Glorious Regions *from above,*
Bringing down the Bleſt aboads,
While we mingle, with the Gods.

Theſe Deſigns and Numbers more,
Such as ne'er were known before,
Fame *Reports (if Fame ſays true)*
Will be ſhewn to Publick view.

Now ye Dœlians, *ye who know,*
All the Factions here below,
Say if theſe things will advance,
Or if 'tis not all Romance.
When the Nation was in Health,
Bleſt with Peace and flowing Wealth;
Arts *and* Sciences *did Flouriſh,*
And the Great, th' Ingenious cheriſh;
Then (by Reaſon we are taught)
Things were to Perfection brought;
And Invention flow'd with eaſe,
Or to profit or to pleaſe;
But when War *ſo long hath Reign'd;*
And of Gold the Nation drain'd,
Say from whence, can we ſurmize,
Such Great Things as theſe can riſe.

A. Strange we own theſe matters ſeem,
Strange as if 'twere all a Dream;
That ſurrounded thus with Wars,
Checkt too by Inteſtine Jars,
Art ſhou'd Progreſs make, nay more,
Than was ever known before.
Yet th' Report is juſt and true,
As th' events will quickly ſhew:
Tho' Miſter'ous does appear.
Thus the Miſtery we clear.

The * *Ruler* of the Stage, we find,
A *Youth* of vaſt extended Mind;
No diſappointments can controul,
The Emanations of his Soul;
But through all *Lets* will boldly run,
Uncurb'd, like th' *Horſes of the Sun,*
Prompt by a *Genius*, which declares,
Th' events will Anſwer all his Cares.
Of apprehenſion quick and fraught,
With matter for ſublimeſt Thought;
In Fancy fruitful, and of Senſe
Digeſtive of all flows from thence;
We may expect from ſuch a Sluice,
All *Art*, or *Nature* can produce.

What Praiſes may his Merits claim,
How juſtly fill the Trump of *Fame*;
Since ſo much Honour he will gain
The Nation, by his *Fertil Brain*:
How to our Glory will it ſound,
In all the Neighbo'ring Kingdoms round,
That while *War* with wild Devaſtations,
Sinks and oppreſſes other Nations;
We, as not Sinking by its Rage,
With Minds ſerene approach the *Stage*;
Crowding the *Theater*, to ſhow,
We ſcarcely Taxes feel or know;
Look down on *France*, who ſink beneath
Oppreſſing Loads and hardly Breath;
Beholding us with envy while
We unconcern'd appear and Smile.

To his alluring and attractive Skill,
Which with ſuch Crouds the *Theater* does fill;
We owe this Credit to our *Grand Affairs*:
The Glory's his, but others reap their ſhares.

* *Aaron Hill*, Eſquire.

SIR,

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THE Advices from the Hague, Dec. 23d. are, that the Duke of Marlborough would fain have Embark'd for England about the same time as Prince Eugene set out for Vienna, and sent an Express for that Purpose, to stop the Convoy that was going over with the Envoy of Hanover: But the Express came too late, the Convoy being already got out to Sea. However, the contrary Winds which have since blown very hard, have forc'd that Convoy back into the Harbours of that Republick, so that his Grace will make use of the same as soon as the Wind proves fair; That the Reinforcement of Troops so necessary for King Charles, is agreed upon, and will be sent with all possible speed; That the War in Hungary seems to draw to a Conclusion, by the taking of the Castle of Erla.

Which is all from Yours, &c.

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